

## **NAS NORTH ISLAND - NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST NAVY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

### **COMPLIANCE**

### **SELF INSPECTION PROGRAM**

#### **LEAD ACTIVITY**

Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) North Island

#### **STATUS**

Completed

#### **MISSION**

Prevent environmental violations of air emissions and hazardous waste regulations

#### **DESCRIPTION**

To improve environmental compliance, Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) has implemented a self-inspection program that focuses on violations that are caused by a lack of information on air and hazardous waste regulations. NADEP inspectors are trained in hazardous waste and air regulations and they accompany regulators during their inspections to learn practical inspection techniques and "what to look for." NADEP inspectors regularly tour NADEP facilities and issue in-house potential notice of violations (PNOVs) for any probable violations they may locate. The facility can then take the necessary steps to address the areas of concern, and minimize the violations found by regulatory inspectors.

This proactive self-inspection program enables NADEP to reduce the costly fines or permitting restrictions that typically accompany regulatory enforcement. In addition, in-house inspectors can educate facility personnel responsible for equipment or processes that generate regulated air emissions or hazardous waste.

NADEP is inspected annually by the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) for air NOVs and by California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for hazardous waste NOVs. The inspections last about 3 to 6 weeks. In addition, other regulatory agencies including the California Air Resources Board, California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL/EPA) and federal EPA Region IX can enter at any time to inspect for air or hazardous waste compliance.

Before the self-inspection program began, NADEP averaged approximately \$50,000 per year in air compliance fines. In the first year of self-inspection, the fines dropped to \$8,000, and in the subsequent years (1993, 1994, and 1995) there were no violations.

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